

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT***A Tradition of Service*

DATE: March 1, 2011

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO. SH2262624

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER  
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: JOSEPH M. GOODEN, CAPTAIN  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**  
**SERGEANT JOSHUA A. BARDON # [REDACTED]**  
**SERGEANT BRANDON R. DEAN # [REDACTED]**  
**CENTURY STATION**

On March 6, 2010 at approximately 0330 hours, Sergeants Bardon (driver) and Dean (passenger) were assigned to marked Sheriff's patrol unit 216S (Chevy Tahoe) driving west on Firestone Boulevard at California Avenue, South Gate, when their attention was drawn to the sound of loud screeching tires and revving engines about 30-40 yards south of their location on California Avenue. While at the intersection, they saw the suspects in a Honda Accord sedan, 1999, silver in color pursuing a Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck, 1997, white in color through the Mobil Gas Station parking lot from the California Avenue street entrance.

As they drove toward the Firestone Boulevard street entrance of the Mobil Gas Station, both Sergeant's saw the front passenger of the Honda Accord lean out of the passengers' window and fire a handgun at the occupants of the Tacoma pick-up truck as the truck passed by the gas pumps in a northwest direction. The Tacoma pick-up truck was ahead of the suspect vehicle, which drove between the gas pumps and Mobil Station building. The suspect vehicle (Honda Accord) was just behind the victims' vehicle (Tacoma truck) and offset to the right, which drove between the two gas pump islands in pursuit of the truck. The Tacoma truck eventually collided into a light standard at the northwest corner of the Mobil Gas Station parking lot.

As the suspect vehicle stopped parallel to the victims' vehicle with its front bumper perpendicular to the victim vehicle's passenger door, Sergeant Bardon pulled into the Mobil Gas Station parking lot from the Firestone Boulevard street entrance and stopped the patrol vehicle just east of the suspect vehicle.

Sergeant's Bardon and Dean exited and took cover on either side of their respective patrol car doors, as they saw Suspect Avila continue shooting at the Tacoma pick-up truck by leaning halfway out of the passenger door window with his upper torso across the front windshield. The Sergeant's identified themselves and ordered the suspect to drop the gun and show their hands. Suspect Avila failed to comply and in an apparent response, repositioned himself and turned toward Sergeant Dean with the gun in his right hand.

Sergeants Bardon and Dean, in defense of their lives and that of the other victims in the Tacoma pick-up truck, both shot at Suspect Avila. They requested assistance and detained the suspects at gunpoint pending extraction. Assisting units from Century Station responded and ultimately took the suspects into custody.

Suspect Avila (passenger) sustained a gunshot wound to the right forearm. Suspect Garcia (driver) was struck by a round to the upper middle back, which did not penetrate. The suspects were transported to Saint Francis Medical Center where they were treated for non-life threatening wounds. Two additional suspects were also arrested, who were seated in the rear of the suspect vehicle.

Neither the Sergeants nor the victims in the Tacoma pick-up truck were injured during the incident. The victims in the Tacoma pick-up truck had fled the scene immediately after the truck collided into the light pole, and later detained a block west of the location after the incident.

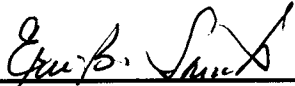
During the subsequent search of the suspect vehicle by patrol personnel, a Beretta pistol, loaded with six live rounds was recovered from the vehicle dash board area. The pistol was a reported stolen from a Compton Station Deputy in an October of 2009 vehicle burglary.

On February 10, 2011 the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Sergeants Joshua A. Bardon # [REDACTED] and Brandon R. Dean # [REDACTED] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by the sergeants were in this incident were within Department Policy.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric B. Smith", is written above a horizontal line.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

EBS:RSP/rsp

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# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Officer Involved Shooting

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URN: <b>010-03940-2199-055</b>		Date: <b>03/06/10</b>		Time: <b>0330 hours</b>																																					
City or Station: <b>Century</b>		Nature of Incident: Sergeant's Bardon and Dean drove behind a 245 suspect vehicle as the passenger was shooting at a victim vehicle in front of them. The passenger suspect continued shooting at the victim vehicle, who crashed into a light pole and was disabled. The passenger suspect did not comply with orders from the Sergeant's to stop shooting and instead pointed a handgun at both Sergeant's, who fired at him fearing for their lives, as well as the occupants of the victim vehicle. The passenger and driver of the suspect vehicle were struck with rounds from department personnel.																																							
Location: <b>3480 Firestone Blvd, South Gate</b>																																									
Location Type (circle one or more): Backyard Beach Business Freeway Industrial Park <u>Parking Lot</u> Residence Rural School Street Other: _____	Lighting (circle only one): Darkness Daylight Other <u>Street Lights</u>	Incident Type (circle one or more): Accidental <u>Armed Person</u> Fleeing Suspect Foot Pursuit Gun Take Away Moving Vehicle Sniper/Ambush Startle Struggle Involved Traffic Stop Unarmed Person Unintentional Vehicle Pursuit Warrant Service Warning Shot Other: _____		Initiated by (circle only one): Arrest Warrant Call Observation One Person Unit Other Search Warrant <u>Two Person Unit</u>  Prior Activity (circle only one): Detective Inmate Transport Other <u>Routine Patrol</u>																																					
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Arrival Date		03/06/10		Arrival Time		0540 hours		Date Submitted		03/06/11		Date of Recommendation	
Employee #		Last Name	Grimaldi				First Name	Mike				M.I.	J.
Employee #		Last Name	Quichocho				First Name	Frank				M.I.	F.
Employee #		Last Name	Roberts				First Name	Teri				M.I.	T.

## Method

(AW)	Arwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton:(Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton:(Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carolid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

## Type of Injury

(AB)	Abrasion
(BR)	Bruise
(BU)	Burn
(CP)	Complaint of Pain
(CO)	Concussion
(DH)	Death
(DI)	Dislocation
(DB)	Dog Bite
(FR)	Fractures
(GS)	Gunshot
(HB)	Human Bite
(LC)	Lacerations
(ND)	Nerve Damage
(OD)	Organ Damage
(PA)	Paralysis
(PW)	Puncture Wound
(SD)	Soft Tissue Damage
(ST)	Sprain/Twists
(UN)	Unconscious
(RM)	Refused Med Treatment
(NN)	NONE

## Body Part Injured

(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Groin
(HD)	Hand
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

**Brand**

(AK)	AK-47	(IV)	Iver Johnson	(RI)	RGI
(BN)	Benelli	(JE)	Jennings	(RO)	Rossi
(BR)	Beretta	(LO)	Lorcin	(SW)	Smith & Wesson
(BW)	Browning	(LU)	Luger	(SR)	Sturm Ruger
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MA)	Marlin	(ST)	Sterling
(CO)	Colt	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(DA)	Davis Industries	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby
(GL)	Glock	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(HI)	Hi Standard	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)
(HK)	H & K	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(IT)	Ithica	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand

**Caliber**

(9)	9 mm	(24)	.243 caliber	(41)	.410 gauge
(10)	10 mm	(25)	.25 caliber	(44)	.44 caliber
(12)	12 gauge	(30)	.308 caliber	(45)	.45 caliber
(20)	20 gauge	(35)	.357 caliber	(50)	50 mm
(21)	22-250	(38)	30-60 caliber	(SL)	Slug
(22)	.22 caliber	(38)	.38 caliber	(WVV)	Other caliber
(23)	.223 caliber	(40)	.40 caliber		

**FORCE APPLIED** (one code per block)

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# Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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<b>E 1</b>	Employee #	Last Name <b>Dean</b>	First Name <b>Brandon</b>	M.I. <b>R.</b>
Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>W</b>	Rank <b>Sergeant</b>	Unit Assignment: <b>Century</b>	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>216S</b>
Shift Time (circle only one): <b>EM</b> PM Day		Shift Type (circle only one): <b>Regular</b> Overtime Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>8</b>		Duty Time (hrs): <b>8</b>	Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest Plain Clothes w/ Vest Raid Jacket no Vest <b>Uniform w/ Vest</b>	
Age: <b>5'08"</b>	Height:	Weight: <b>175</b>	Other Factors:	
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>	Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Prior Shootings: <b>1</b>
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Beretta 92F</b>		Caliber: <b>9</b>	# Shots: <b>15</b>	Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Caliber</b>
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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<b>E 2</b>	Employee #	Last Name <b>Bardon</b>	First Name <b>Joshua</b>	M.I. <b>A.</b>
Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>W</b>	Rank <b>Sergeant</b>	Unit Assignment: <b>CEN</b>	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>216S</b>
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Age: <b>5'08"</b>	Height:	Weight: <b>180</b>	Other Factors:	
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date: <b>Laser I: 05/30/06</b>	
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>	Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number of Prior Shootings: <b>1</b>
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Beretta 92F</b>		Caliber: <b>9</b>	# Shots: <b>7</b>	Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Caliber</b>
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# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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S 1	Last Name Avila		First Name Erick		M.I. NMN	
	AKA Last Name N/A		First Name N/A		M.I. -	
	Sex: M	Race: H	Street Address: [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]	State & Zip Code: [REDACTED]
	Work Phone: N/A		Home Phone: [REDACTED]	Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]	
	Age: 18	D.O.B. 05/29/91	Height: 5'06	Weight: 148	FBI # [REDACTED]	CII # [REDACTED]
	Booking # 2252336		Primary Charge: 664/187 PC; 245(d)(2) PC		Secondary Charge: -	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used: -
	Armed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? [REDACTED]
	Vehicle Make Honda; 4 door; Gold; Lic# [REDACTED]		Model: Accord		Year: 1999	
	S 2	Last Name Garcia-Munoz		First Name Daniel		M.I. -
AKA Last Name n/A		First Name N/A		M.I. -		
Sex: M		Race: H	Street Address: [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]	State & Zip Code: [REDACTED]
Work Phone: -		Home Phone: [REDACTED]	Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]		
Age: 20		D.O.B. 10/19/89	Height: 5'11	Weight: 163	FBI # [REDACTED]	CII # [REDACTED]
Booking # 2252326		Primary Charge: 664/187 PC		Secondary Charge: -		
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	AKA Last Name N/A		First Name N/A		M.I. -	
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	Age: 20	D.O.B. 03/04/90	Height: 5'06	Weight: 130	FBI # [REDACTED]	CII # [REDACTED]
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	Vehicle Make Honda; 4 door; Gold; Lic# [REDACTED]		Model: Accord		Year: 1999	
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Vehicle Make Honda; 4 door; Gold; Lic# 4EPV849		Model: Accord		Year: 1999		



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**County of Los Angeles**  
**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**HIT SHOOTING EVALUATION**  
**(On Duty)**  
**(Suspect's wounded)**

**UNIT:** Century Sheriff's Station  
**DATE:** March 6, 2010, Saturday  
**TIME:** 0330 hours  
**LOCATION:** 3480 Firestone Blvd., South Gate  
**URN#:** 010-03940-2199-055  
**IAB#:** SH2262624

**NATURE OF INCIDENT:**

On March 6, 2010, at approximately 0330 hours, Century Sergeant's Joshua Bardon, Employee # [REDACTED] and his partner, Brandon Dean, Employee # [REDACTED] shot Suspect Erick Avila (MH/18) after he pointed a handgun at them.

Sergeant's Bardon (driver) and Dean (passenger) were assigned to marked Sheriff's patrol unit 216S (Chevy Tahoe) driving west on Firestone Boulevard at California Avenue, South Gate, when their attention was drawn to the sound of loud screeching tires and revving engines about 30-40 yards south of their location on California Avenue. While at the intersection, they saw the suspects in a Honda Accord sedan, 1999, silver in color pursuing a Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck, 1997, white in color through the Mobil Gas Station parking lot from the California Avenue street entrance.

As they drove toward the Firestone Boulevard street entrance of the Mobil Gas Station, both Sergeant's saw the front passenger of the Honda Accord lean out of the passengers' window and fire a handgun at the occupants of the Tacoma pick-up truck as the truck passed by the gas pumps in a northwest direction. The Tacoma pick-up truck was ahead of the suspect vehicle, which drove between the gas pumps and Mobil Station building. The suspect vehicle (Honda Accord) was just behind the victims' vehicle (Tacoma truck) and offset to the right, which drove between the two gas pump islands in pursuit of the truck. The Tacoma truck eventually collided into a light standard at the northwest corner of the Mobil Gas Station parking lot.

**By:** Sergeant Frank F. Quichocho, Employee # [REDACTED] Internal Affairs Bureau  
**Date:** January 28, 2011

**SHOOTING INCIDENT EVALUATION**

**IAB # SH 2262624**

As the suspect vehicle stopped parallel to the victims' vehicle with its front bumper perpendicular to the victim vehicle's passenger door, Sergeant Bardon pulled into the Mobil Gas Station parking lot from the Firestone Boulevard street entrance and stopped the patrol vehicle just east of the suspect vehicle.

Sergeant's Bardon and Dean exited and took cover on either side of their respective patrol car doors, as they saw Suspect Avila continue shooting at the Tacoma pick-up truck by leaning halfway out of the passenger door window with his upper torso across the front windshield. The Sergeant's identified themselves and ordered the suspect to drop the gun and show their hands. Suspect Avila failed to comply and in an apparent response, repositioned himself and turned toward Sergeant Dean with the gun in his right hand.

Sergeants Bardon and Dean, in defense of their lives and that of the other victims in the Tacoma pick-up truck, both shot at Suspect Avila. They requested assistance and detained the suspects at gunpoint pending extraction. Assisting units from Century Station responded and ultimately took the suspects into custody.

Suspect Avila (passenger) sustained a gunshot wound to the right forearm. Suspect Garcia (driver) was struck by a round to the upper middle back, which did not penetrate. The suspects were transported to Saint Francis Medical Center where they were treated for non-life threatening wounds. Two additional suspects were also arrested, who were seated in the rear of the suspect vehicle.

Neither the Sergeants nor the victims in the Tacoma pick-up truck were injured during the incident. The victims in the Tacoma pick-up truck had fled the scene immediately after the truck collided into the light pole, and later detained a block west of the location after the incident.

During the subsequent search of the suspect vehicle by patrol personnel, a Beretta pistol, loaded with six live rounds was recovered from the vehicle dash board area. The pistol was a reported stolen from a Compton Station Deputy in an October of 2009 vehicle burglary.

Members of the District Attorney's Office, Office of Independent Review, and Internal Affairs Bureau responded and were briefed by Lieutenant Rosson, Homicide Bureau.

Internal Affairs Lieutenant Grimaldi advised Watch Commander, Lieutenant John R. Corina regarding the sequestering and supervision of involved department personnel pending the arrival of investigators.

A Letter of Opinion from the District Attorney's Office is still pending.

**SHOOTING INCIDENT EVALUATION**

**LAB # SH 2262624**

The following summary is based on written documentation, and interviews of involved deputies.

**INVOLVED PERSONNEL:**

**Bardon, Joshua, A.,** Sergeant, Employee # [REDACTED]  
Century Sheriff's Station  
Field Operations Region II

**EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:**

Date of Employment: 02-03-2000  
Date Assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 04/26/2009: Traffic Stop; Vehicle pursuit (Ramming)  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**Dean, Brandon, R.,** Sergeant, Employee # [REDACTED]  
Century Sheriff's Station  
Field Operations Region II

**EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:**

Date of Employment: 12-05-1997  
Date Assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**INVOLVED SUSPECTS:**

**Avila, Erick,** MH/18, DOB: 05-29-91, 5'06/148, Blk/Bro.  
Address: [REDACTED] Home: [REDACTED]  
CII# [REDACTED] MAIN# [REDACTED] FBI# [REDACTED]  
LAPD# [REDACTED] JAIN# [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED] PDJ [REDACTED]

**Involved Suspect History:**

Suspect Avila is currently on active probation [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Garcia, Daniel**, MH/20, DOB: 10-19-89, 5'11/163, Blk/Bro.

Address: [REDACTED] Home: [REDACTED]

CII# [REDACTED] MAIN# [REDACTED] FBI# [REDACTED] JAIN# [REDACTED] PDJ# [REDACTED]

CYA# [REDACTED]

**Involved Suspect History:**

Suspect Garcia has been paroled from the CYA since 08/26/2009. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Chavez-Martinez, Hector**, MH/20, DOB: 03-04-90, 5'06/130, Blk/Bro.

Address: [REDACTED]

**Involved Suspect History:**

None

**Limones, Fernando**, MH/28, DOB: 11-0580, 5'09/180, Blk/Bro.

Address: [REDACTED] Home: [REDACTED]

**Involved Suspect History:**

None

**VICTIM'S:**

**Civilians:**

1. [REDACTED] MH/19
2. [REDACTED] MH/19
3. [REDACTED] MH/19

**IAB Note:** Refer to Exhibit A for a summary from the Homicide interviews.

**Sworn Personnel:**

1. Sergeant Joshua Bardon
2. Sergeant Brandon Dean

**IAB Note:** Refer to the Exhibit A for a summary from the Homicide interviews.

### **CIVILIAN WITNESSES:**

1. [REDACTED]

**LAB Note:** Refer to Exhibit A for a summary from the Homicide interview.

### **CANVASSED AREA:**

1. 3465 Firestone Blvd., South Gate; DBA as "Liboria's Bridal."  
Business was closed and no answer.
2. 3451 Firestone Blvd., South Gate; DBA as "Ramirez Party Shop."  
Business was closed and no answer. Three bullet holes located on the south glass building wall near Virginia Street.
3. 3425 Firestone Blvd., South Gate; DBA as "South Gate Ambulatory Surgery Center."  
Business was closed and no answer.
4. 3460 Firestone Blvd., South Gate; DBA as "Kal Motors."  
Business was closed and no answer.
5. 3420 Firestone Blvd., South Gate; DBA as "City Auto Sales."  
Business was closed and no answer.

**LAB Note:** Refer to Exhibit A for a supplementary report by patrol personnel.

### **DEPARTMENT WITNESS(S):**

None

### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:**

Sergeant Brandon R. Dean, Employee # [REDACTED] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Sergeant's Frank Quichocho and Teri Roberts on January 19, 2011, at approximately 1430 hours. Sergeant Dean voluntarily agreed to the interview without representation. The interview was digitally recorded and the following is a summary.

Sergeant Dean said he and his partner, Sergeant Joshua Bardon, were assigned to marked Sheriff's patrol unit 216S as supervisor's at Century Station. Sergeant Dean said he had only been assigned to the station for three weeks, which is why he was riding with Sergeant Bardon as a mentor for the night. He added that Sergeant Bardon was the driver and he was the passenger of the patrol vehicle.

Prior to the incident, Dean said at about 0315 hours, he and Bardon were driving west on Firestone Boulevard headed toward the Firestone-Florence area and came to a stop at the red traffic light at California Avenue in the number one lane. Dean stated that he did not notice any other vehicles in the street at the time; however, his attention was drawn toward the sounds of screeching tires and a vehicle accelerating very fast. As he looked in the direction of the Mobil Gas Station located at the southwest corner of the intersection, Dean said he saw a white Toyota Tacoma truck being chased by a beige colored Honda through the gas station's parking lot. He added that the Honda was directly behind the Tacoma truck when he saw the passenger (S/Avila) of the Honda lean out of the window and extend his body over the windshield in an effort to fire from a handgun that he was holding in his right hand toward the occupants of the Toyota Tacoma truck.

Dean said he saw the Toyota Tacoma truck eventually crash into a light pole near the exit onto Firestone Boulevard. Once the truck crashed, Dean said he saw the Honda pull up adjacent to it with the front passenger still leaning out of the window holding the firearm.

At this time, Dean said he communicated with Bardon about what he saw by stating, "Hey, he's got a gun. He's shooting. They're chasing each other." Dean said he then recalled Bardon pulling into the parking lot of the Mobil Gas Station and position the Tahoe about 15-20 yards away from the Honda. Once the patrol vehicle was stopped, Dean said he exited and took cover between the patrol vehicle's passenger door and door frame. He then began to give orders to the passenger suspect, who was still hanging out of the window to freeze, drop the weapon, and don't move. Dean added that he also identified himself as the police.

Dean said as the passenger suspect began to turn around in an attempt to come back into the car, he saw the suspect's right hand holding the firearm turn in an easterly direction pointing it directly at him. Fearing for his life, and that of his partner, Bardon, as well as the occupants of the Tacoma truck, Dean said he then fired his duty weapon at the suspect. He added that after firing at the suspect, he peeked out from cover, and saw the occupants of the Tacoma truck running west on Firestone Boulevard. The passenger suspect then slid back into the vehicle as Dean said he continued to give additional commands for him to place his hands out of the vehicle. He said that the suspect would comply momentarily, but then would pull his hands back into the vehicle, which occurred several times.

During the detention, South Gate Police arrived quickly, at which time Dean said that he initiated emergent traffic via Sheriff's radio. As sufficient Sheriff's personnel arrived, Dean said that the felony extraction regarding the occupants of the Honda began.

Dean stated that he communicated, coordinated and assigned containment positions to responding Sheriff's units concerning the shooting incident. He also advised of the fleeing occupants from the Tacoma truck, as he did not know of their involvement in the shooting. After the extraction of the suspect's in the Honda was completed, Dean said that the individuals from the Tacoma truck were located one street west of California Avenue. It was then determined that they were victims of the shooting from the Honda.

During follow-up questioning, Dean said that the distance from where they were at in the intersection to where he first saw the suspect vehicle chasing the victim vehicle was about 50-60 yards. He described how the suspect vehicle was closer to them and that the victim vehicle was west of the suspect vehicle. Dean drew a sketch pointing out how the Honda vehicle was offset and staggered to the right of the Tacoma truck with about ten feet of distance from side to side. He could not estimate the speed of the vehicles as they were traveling through the parking lot.

Dean said the lighting conditions on California Avenue were not that good. At the south end of the Mobil Gas Station, the lights were not well lit; however, the light at the north end where the Tacoma truck collided into the light standard was well lit.

At his initial observation, Dean said that by the time he looked toward California Avenue, both vehicles had already entered the Mobil Gas Station parking lot from the California Avenue entrance/exit. Dean stated that from the intersection of Firestone/California, he could only see the front passenger suspect of the Honda hanging out the window with his body extended and reaching around the windshield holding a firearm pointed at the Tacoma truck. He described the firearm as a dark colored handgun. Other than the suspect passenger and driver of the Honda, Dean said he could not tell if there were additional occupants inside the Honda. He also stated that he could not see if there were other occupants inside the Tacoma truck.

At his initial observation, Dean said that he could not hear any yelling, screaming, or remarks from either vehicle to each other.

Dean said that when he saw the suspect passenger of the Honda pointing the gun at the Toyota Tacoma, it quickly turned into a shooting as he saw a muzzle flash and heard about three to four gunshots. He said the gunshots from the Honda passenger suspect were directed toward the Tacoma truck. He then communicated with his partner, Bardon, who then drove into the Mobil Gas Station parking lot from the north east entrance/exit. He added that when he saw the gunfire, their patrol vehicle had just crossed the Firestone Blvd/California Ave intersection.



After the Tacoma collided into the light pole, Dean said the Honda pulled up adjacent to the Tacoma, which was offset and staggered to the right with a distance of about ten feet. He said the front bumper of the Honda was perpendicular to the Tacoma's passenger door.

When Bardon stopped the patrol vehicle about fifteen yards from the Honda, which was offset and the rear, Dean said that he immediately exited and took cover between the passenger door and door frame of the patrol vehicle. He then removed his duty weapon and took aim at the passenger suspect, who was holding a handgun. Dean said that he ordered the suspect to freeze and put his hands up. He believed that neither occupants the suspect vehicle nor the Tacoma truck noticed their presence.

In further describing his position of cover, Dean said that he was looking over and across the hood of the patrol vehicle at the passenger suspect, which additionally provided him cover from the engine.

While giving commands to the passenger suspect, Dean said that he noticed then noticed there was a right rear passenger, also. He did not see the driver's rear passenger until after the extraction. He believed the Honda was tinted, but not so much as to where you could not completely see into the interior.

The lighting conditions at the area of where the officer involved shooting occurred as described by Dean were very well lit. He said the light pole where the Tacoma had crashed into was lit, and that the car lot next to the Mobil Gas Station had their lights on; in addition to the head lights of their patrol vehicle illuminating the area.

After seeing and hearing the initial set of gunshots from the passenger suspect directed toward the Tacoma, Dean said there were no additional gunshots fired from the suspect vehicle. He added that he did not see or hear any gunshots emanating from the Tacoma.

Dean said that the plan he and his partner, Bardon, decided on was to position themselves to where they could detain the suspect vehicle(s) at gun point and wait for assisting units to arrive; however, the shooting occurred immediately after they exited their patrol vehicle. After the shooting, Dean said he quickly transmitted emergent radio traffic and took turns with Bardon in communicating their request for additional units, paramedics and containment of the area.

The following is an excerpt of Sergeant Dean's transcribed interview on Page 13, line 25:

**Quichocho:** When you fired your weapon, tell me what was going through your perception, your mind frame and all that.

**Dean:** Scared. I mean, it's 3:15 in the morning, we just saw these dudes chasing another

car and fire at 'em and pull up alongside 'em. We didn't know if they were gonna try and continue shooting and execute these individuals in the car and, you know, once we tell 'em to freeze and drop their hands, an individual comes down from hanging over the windshield and basically starts to point the gun at us.

**Quichocho:** And what was the reaction of the passenger suspect when you were giving him commands?

**Dean:** His...like facial or just what did he do?

**Quichocho:** Right, what did he do?

**Dean:** He basically came down from extending himself in a westerly direction facing the Tahoe and basically turned and with his right arm basically started to point the firearm at us.

Dean said he did not know if the occupants of the Tacoma had been injured as a result of the passenger suspect shooting at them.

As he was taking cover, Dean said that he also noticed his partner, Bardon, had exited and taken cover between the driver's side door and the door frame of the patrol vehicle. He said they were both focused on the passenger suspect. He added that by the time they stopped their patrol vehicle, the Tacoma had already crashed, and the occupants had exited and were running west on Firestone Boulevard.

Dean stated that his backdrop was the passenger portion of the suspect vehicle, where the suspect with the firearm was positioned. Behind that was the Tacoma's right front fender, right tire and Firestone Boulevard.

According to Dean, the traffic and pedestrian conditions were nonexistent at that time of night.

Dean stated that nothing obscured his visibility of the suspect vehicle as it was pursuing the Tacoma through the Mobil Gas Station parking lot, and also at the officer involved shooting area. He said there was a clear line of sight between him and the armed passenger suspect, which included target acquisition and point of aim.

Dean said that he and his partner, Bardon, were in direct visual contact of each other the entire time, as they were directly across from one another on either side of the patrol vehicle's doors. He stated that there was no cross fire situation between the two of them,

During the detention, Dean further described the armed passenger's non-compliant actions as evasive in that after he placed himself back into the vehicle, he disappeared

for a second and then appeared to be manipulating the center console area of the Honda. Dean said the suspect passenger and driver also made movements in the area of the middle of the dashboard. He also explained how the suspect would place his hands out of the passenger window then pull them back in several times. Each time the suspect did this, he would make movements toward the center console and middle dashboard areas of the vehicle. The suspect eventually placed his hands completely out the window and left them there until he was extracted.

Dean said that after the extraction, he later learned that a handgun was found behind the center console stereo located on the dashboard of the vehicle.

**IAB Note:** Refer to the transcribed copy of  
Sergeant Dean's interview for further details.

**Sergeant Joshua A. Bardon, Employee # [REDACTED]** was interviewed by Internal Affairs Sergeant's Frank Quichocho and Teri Roberts on January 19, 2011, at approximately 1520 hours. Sergeant Bardon voluntarily agreed to the interview without representation. The interview was digitally recorded and the following is a summary.

Sergeant Bardon said he and his partner, Sergeant Brandon Dean, were assigned to marked Sheriff's patrol unit 216S as supervisor's at Century Station. He stated that Sergeant Dean was a newly promoted supervisor and was in a mentoring phase, which is why they were riding together, in addition having extra supervision in the field that night.

Bardon said he was the driver of the marked Sheriff's patrol vehicle (Chevy Tahoe), while Dean was the passenger. On the way to the Firestone-Florence area, Bardon said he drove west on Firestone Boulevard and stopped for the red light at California Avenue. He was in the number one lane facing west when he heard the sound of revving engines, as if somebody was driving fast. As his attention was drawn south on California Avenue, he saw what appeared to be two vehicles chasing each other headed north toward Firestone Avenue.

Upon further observation, Bardon noticed that the front vehicle was a Toyota truck and the chase vehicle was an older model Honda Accord. He then saw the vehicles enter the south side entrance/exit of the Mobil Gas Station located the southwest corner of the intersection.

As the vehicles passed by the Mobil Gas Station building, Bardon said he saw the front passenger of the Honda Accord lean out of the window with a gun in his hand pointed toward the Toyota truck. At that time, Bardon stated he heard gunshots and then saw the Toyota crash into the light pole. The Honda then pulled up next to the Toyota's passenger side, at which time, Bardon saw the front passenger of the Honda

"aggressively" lean further out of the window as if laying across and hugging the front windshield. As the incident was developing, Bardon said he heard Dean yelling that the passenger had a gun.

Bardon said he then pulled into the Mobil Gas Station parking lot in a southwest diagonal direction in order to assess the situation. He then approached the suspect vehicle from rear, and offset to right, which gave them a clear line of sight of the suspect. As he stopped his patrol vehicle, Bardon said that his partner, Dean, immediately exited and began giving orders for the passenger suspect to drop the gun.

As commands were given for the passenger suspect to comply, Bardon saw the suspect turn and point the gun at his partner, Dean, who began to shoot at the suspect. Bardon stated he also shot at the suspect as well. He said his position of cover was in the crease of the patrol vehicle's door in addition to the vehicle's engine. It was from this position that Bardon said he shot the suspect from. He added that he shot seven times directly at the front passenger, who was armed with a gun. Once the suspect disappeared into the vehicle, and he could not see the gun, Bardon said he stopped shooting as the threat was over.

After the shooting was over, Bardon said that police units from South Gate arrived immediately into the area. Once the felony extraction process began, Bardon said the front passenger began making statements that they did not do anything and were shot. Bardon stated that the passenger suspect was putting up a front by being non-compliant with their orders to put their hands up. He said the passenger suspect would intermittently place two hands up, then one hand up and at the same time manipulate something in the interior of the vehicle. Bardon said that it eventually took about five minutes for the felony extraction to be completed.

During follow-up questioning, Bardon said that their patrol vehicle was about 40 yards from the suspect vehicle, while at the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and California Avenue. He said the closest vehicle to him was the Tacoma truck, and that the suspect vehicle, Honda Accord, was directly behind it about.

Bardon pointed out on a scene photograph of where he heard the gunshots from the passenger suspect, which was between the gas pumps and the Mobil Gas Station building.

There was lighting from the street lights along the road, in addition to no pedestrian and motor traffic. Bardon described the location as that of mixed residential, business and mostly industrial businesses. He stated that Firestone Boulevard is a main thoroughfare for the area.

Bardon indicated that his visibility of the suspect vehicle as it traveled through the Mobil Gas Station was clear, and nothing obstructed his view.

Other than hearing a few gunshots coming from the suspect vehicle, Bardon said he did not see a muzzle flash. He stated that he was trying to track the vehicles, as well as the suspects actions as they moved through the gas station parking lot.

Bardon said he vividly heard about two to three gunshots, and then saw the passenger suspect reaching with a handgun out the window pointing it toward the Toyota truck, as it drove through the gas pump area.

During the detention, Bardon said it appeared that the suspects were surprised of their presence behind them. He said their patrol vehicle was parked about 15-20 yards from the Honda.

Bardon said the entire incident happened very fast and estimated that it was about 10 seconds from the time they initially saw the suspect vehicle to the time that the Toyota crashed into the light pole, which concluded with the officer-involved shooting. Because of the rapid development of the incident, Bardon said that he did not have time to discuss tactics with his partner.

Bardon said that as he exited the patrol vehicle, he heard his partner, Dean, giving orders to the suspect. By that time, he had already drawn his weapon and then saw the passenger suspect pointing a handgun at Dean, who started shooting at the suspect. Bardon said that he believed both he and his partner were now being threatened, so he shot at the suspect fearing for their lives. Bardon stated that his initial frame of mind was that the suspects were going to harm the individuals in the Toyota Tacoma, then it became apparent that he and his partner became the targets when the suspect pointed the gun at Dean, so he had to protect them from being shot.

Once the officer-involved shooting was over, Bardon said he and his partner broadcasted emergent traffic concerning the incident. He said South Gate Police arrived immediately, while Sheriff's personnel arrived within two minutes.

During the felony extraction, Bardon said he saw the passenger suspect bleeding from the right arm.

Bardon said his backdrop was the Toyota Tacoma's truck engine, headlight area and used car lot to the west and beyond that was Firestone Boulevard.

During the officer-involved shooting, Bardon said he has target acquisition, and point of aim at the suspect. Bardon said there was no cross fire situation, and that he also had a light-mounted weapon.

**SHOOTING INCIDENT EVALUATION**

**IAB # SH 2262624**

**IAB Note:** Refer to the transcribed copy of Sergeant Bardon's interview for further details.

**SUSPECT'S INJURIES:**

1. Suspect Avila (passenger) sustained a gunshot wound to the right forearm.
2. Suspect Garcia (driver) was struck by a round to the upper middle back, which did not penetrate.

**DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES:**

None

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

**Collected by Scientific Services Bureau, Crime Scene Investigators:**

**EVIDENCE:**

Items #1 to #21: Expended shell casings, head stamped "Win 9mm Ruger."  
Recovered from the ground at the crime scene.

Item#36: Expended shell casing, head stamped "Win 9mm Ruger."  
Recovered from the passenger side floor board of the marked Sheriff's patrol vehicle; #SD3328, Lic#1223328.

**IAB Note:** Sergeant Bardon fired 7 rounds from his department issued weapon. Sergeant Dean fired 15 rounds from his department issued weapon. Total rounds fired: 22

Item #32: Beretta 9mm handgun, Model 92FS, Serial #BER[REDACTED] was recovered from the dashboard area behind the radio of the suspect's vehicle; Honda Accord, Lic#[REDACTED]. The weapon was recovered with the safety "on" and the hammer de-cocked. It containing 1 live 9mm round in the chamber, head stamped "Win 9mm Luger" and 12 live 9mm rounds in the magazine, head stamped "Win 9mm Luger."

**IAB Note:** Refer to Exhibit A for further details.

### **INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:**

In reviewing a video tape (DVD) retrieved from the Mobil Gas Station, it depicts a pick-up truck with a camper shell along with a small passenger car quickly driving through the gas pumps.

### **WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:**

#### **SERGEANT JOSHUA BARDON:**

**Service Weapon:** Beretta, Model 92FS, semiautomatic pistol bearing serial number BER [REDACTED]

**Type of Ammunition:** 9mm

**Ammunition:** Seven rounds fired with (1) live round in the chamber, and (8) live rounds in the magazine.

**Shell Casings:** Collected by Sheriff's Senior Firearms Examiner Phil Teramoto)

**Date Employee Last Qualified:** (Mobile Range): [REDACTED]

**Date Last Trained With Weapon:** [REDACTED]

**Laser Village:**

**Receipt #K177294:** Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department- Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section. (Refer to Exhibit A, page 174)

#### **SERGEANT BRANDON DEAN:**

**Service Weapon:** Beretta, Model 92FS, semiautomatic pistol bearing serial number BER [REDACTED]

**Type of Ammunition:** 9mm

**Ammunition:** Fifteen rounds fired (empty magazine) with (1) live round in the chamber and (15) live rounds in the magazine.

**Shell Casings:** Collected by Sheriff's Senior Firearms Examiner Phil Teramoto)

**Date Employee Last Qualified:** (Mobile Range): [REDACTED]

**Date Last Trained With Weapon:** [REDACTED]

**Laser Village:**

**Receipt #K177295:** Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department- Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section. (Refer to Exhibit A, page 174)

### **WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECTS:**

Beretta 9mm handgun, Model 92FS, Serial #BER [REDACTED] was recovered from the dashboard area behind the radio of the suspect's vehicle; Honda Accord, Lic# [REDACTED]. The weapon was recovered with the safety "on" and the hammer de-cocked. It containing 1 live 9mm round in the chamber, head stamped "Win 9mm Luger" and 12 live 9mm rounds in the magazine, head stamped "Win 9mm Luger."

## **PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

1. Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck, 1997, white in color. Expended projectiles, bullet cores, and pieces of copper jacketing were recovered from various areas of the truck.

**IAB Note:** Refer to Exhibit A, page 31 for further details.

2. DBA as "Ramirez Party Shop" located at 3451 Firestone Blvd., South Gate. Three bullet holes located on the south glass building wall near Virginia Street.

**IAB Note:** Refer to Exhibit A, page 23 for further details.

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED:**

**Investigator:** LASD Homicide Detectives  
Sergeant Kenneth Perry and Detective Gary Sloan  
**Court:** Superior Court of Los Angeles  
**Charges Filed:** 664/187(a) PC, 12022.53(d) PC, 10222.53(c) PC, 12022.53(b) PC,  
12022(a)(1) PC, 12022.5(a) PC, 246 PC, and 245(a)(2) PC  
**Case Status:** Pending jury trial at Norwalk Superior Court.  
Next Court Date: 02/09/2011

D.A. reject regarding the case against Hector Chavez-Martinez and Fernando Limones.

## **WEATHER CONDITIONS AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:**

The incident occurred during the hours of darkness and the weather was clear.